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**PART-I-- Orders and Notifications by the Government of Tripura,
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**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
LAW DEPARTMENT
SECRETARIAT : AGARTALA**

F. No.1(1)-SECY/LAW/MISC/2019(PART-II)/4864-931

Dated, Agartala the 04th April, 2024.

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Revision of Allowances of serving Judicial Officers of the Tripura Judicial Service in compliance of the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 04.01.2024 in WP(C) No. 643 of 2015 (All India Judges Association Vs Union of India & Ors.)

In compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No. 643 of 2015 in All India Judges Association Vs Union of India and others dated 04-01-2023 for implementation of Second National Judicial Pay Commission Recommendation regarding Revision of various allowances payable to the serving Judicial Officers of District and Sub-ordinate Judiciary in the State, and in Supersession of all existing Notifications/Memos/Orders on this matter as issued time to time, and to amend & consolidate the matters thereof, the Governor of Tripura is pleased to accord sanction to implement the recommendations of Second National Judicial Pay Commission (SNJPC) Recommendations as accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and accordingly, pleased to order the following in respect of serving Judicial Officers of Tripura Judicial Service viz;

1) HOUSE BUILDING ADVANCE (HBA):

- i). House Building Advance shall be made available to Tripura Judicial Service Officers in terms of the House Building Advance Rules, 2017 made vide Office Memorandum No.I.17011/11(4)/2016-H-III, dated 09.11.2017 of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.
- ii). The House Building Advance shall also be made available to Judicial Officers for purchase of a ready built house from private individuals, subject to such safeguards as may be prescribed by the State Government in consultation with the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura.
- iii). This advance shall be granted under Head of Account - **House Building Advance-Loans and Advances.**
- iv) This shall be effective from the date of issuance of the said O.M dated 09.11.2017.

2) CHILDREN EDUCATION ALLOWANCE (CEA)(w.e.f. Academic Year-2019-20):

- i) Children Education Allowance shall be made available to Judicial Officers @₹2250/- per month and hostel subsidy ₹6750/- per month, per child for 02 (two) children upto Class- XII, or the actual, whichever is lower, by way of re-imbursement .
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- ii) The Children Education Allowance and hostel subsidy shall stand increased by 25% whenever DA increases to 50%.
- iii) For disabled children (Special needs), the reimbursement shall be at double the rates as provided in Sl. No. (i) Or (ii) above, as the case may be.
- iv) The reimbursement shall be on yearly basis after completion of the Academic/ Financial year, on the basis of certificate issued by the Head of the Institution(s) of the children mentioning therein the expenditure incurred on tuition and other fees, and/or Hostel fees.
- v) The Children Education Allowance and hostel subsidy shall be available at the aforesaid rates w.e.f. the Academic Year- 2019-20.
- vi) In case both the Spouses are Govt. Servants/belonging to Tripura Judicial Service and are entitled to Children Education Allowance, only one of them can avail reimbursement on account of Children Education Allowance.
- vii) This shall be paid/reimbursed under **Head of Account - Salary**.

3) CITY COMPENSATORY ALLOWANCE (CCA)(discontinued)

- i) CCA shall be discontinued prospectively w.e.f. 01.09.2022.
- ii) No recovery shall, however, be effected in respect of the amount already paid on account of this allowance so far.

4) CONCURRENT CHARGE ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016):

- i) The concurrent charge allowance will be admissible to Judicial Officers at the rate of 10% of the minimum basic pay of the scale of the additional post held beyond a period of ten working days.
- ii) Hon'ble High Court of Tripura is to decide the Concurrent Charge Allowance to be paid to the Officer on the basis of the number of days worked, the quantum of judicial work turned out and the administrative work handled.
- iii) The criteria laid down by the FNJPC is dispensed with and there shall not be any insistence on the performance of "appreciable judicial work" of the court concerned.
- iv) This shall be paid under **Salary Head**.

5) CONVEYANCE /TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016) :

- i) The pool car service for various Judicial Officers be dispensed with. However, if the Officers wish, they can forgo the transport allowance and continue with the pool car service for a period of one year or so. The number of officers sharing each pool car shall not be more than three.
- ii) Transport allowance @₹ 10,000/- (ten thousand) per month will be admissible to Judicial Officers of all ranks (**who do not avail earmarked vehicle/pool car facility**) who own car, with effect from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2020 and from 01.01.2021

onwards, they shall be paid @₹ 13,500/- (thirteen thousand five hundred) so as to cover the cost of maintenance and driver's salary. The officers who do not own a car nor avail of the pool car facility shall also be allowed to draw the same quantum of transport allowance only. If any Judicial Officer has been provided or is provided with government Driver/Driving knowing Office Attendant /Peon(Group-D) for driving the private vehicle of the Officer for official purpose only, in that case the transport allowance to such a Judicial Officer shall be restricted to Rs. 4000/- (four thousand) per month with effect from 01-01-2016 and @ Rs. 5000/- (five thousand) per month with effect from 01.01.2021.

- iii) In addition to the Transport Allowance, for those Officers who own car, there shall be a re-imbursement of the cost to the extent of 100 litres of petrol/diesel in the city of Agartala and 75 litres of petrol /diesel in other areas of the State, **on their self-certification basis as per existing norms.**
 - iv) In addition to the District and Sessions Judge, 1st Additional District Judge, Chief Judicial Magistrate of the concerned district who are already provided with exclusive/earmarked vehicle, the Director of Tripura Judicial Academy, the Judge of Family Court and the Member Secretary, Tripura State Legal Services Authority shall also be entitled to an exclusive/earmarked vehicle for official use. The quantum of petrol/diesel for official cars would be raised to the actual consumption for official purposes as certified by the concerned officials and supported by a Log Book which will be maintained. Further, the Judicial Officers using official (earmarked/exclusive) cars shall also be permitted to use them for private purposes to the extent of 300 (three hundred) kms. per month. For removal of doubts, it is clarified that **no Transport Allowance shall be paid to those Officers provided with exclusive/earmarked car for official purpose.**
 - v) This allowance shall be paid under **Head of Account - Salary**
 - vi) The Judicial Officers shall also be permitted to exhibit a sticker at their option on the lower left side of the windscreen with inscription 'JUDGE' printed in moderately sized letters.
 - vii) The Judicial Officers shall also be extended soft loan facilities (Advance) to the extent of ₹ 10 (ten) lakhs at nominal interest for the purchase of a car. For this purpose, the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura shall formulate the necessary guidelines after consulting the Finance Department, Govt. of Tripura. The application for advance (soft loan) to purchase the motor car shall be processed expeditiously.
- 6) **EARNED LEAVE ENCASHMENT (w.e.f. 01.01.2016):**

The Judicial officers shall be entitled to encash:

- a. 10 days earned leave while availing LTC (not HTC) subject to maximum 60 days -10 days at a time up to 06 (six) occasions during the entire service. No payment shall be made for not availing the LTC.

- b. 30 days Earned Leave in a block of two years.
- c. Sl.No.(a) and (b) shall be in addition to the right of the Judicial Officers to encash upto 300 days Earned Leave at the time of retirement.

7) ELECTRICITY AND WATER CHARGES (w.e.f 01.01.2020)

- i) Electricity and water charges shall be re-imbursed upto 50% subject to ceiling mentioned in SL.No.(ii).
- ii) The ceiling in terms of units of electricity and the quantity of water consumed shall be as follows:

Designation	Electricity Units	Water Quantity
District Judges (Gr.I)	8000 units per annum	420 Kls per annum
Civil Judges (Gr.II/III)	6000 units per annum	336 Kls per annum

- iii) Reimbursement of electricity and water charges shall be on the quarterly basis on production of proof of payment of the billed amount. However, an Officer may at his option seek such re-imburement on yearly basis. This shall be paid under the existing Head of Account in practice.
- iv) This allowance shall be available at the enhanced rates w.e.f. 01.01.2020.

8) HIGHER QUALIFICATION ALLOWANCE:

- i) The Judicial Officers shall be granted three Advance increments for acquiring higher qualification i.e., Post-Graduation in Law only and one more additional advance increment for acquiring Doctorate in Law only. The same shall be made available to the Officers of Tripura Judicial Service who has acquired the higher qualification either by regular or distance mode programme.
- ii) The Advance increments shall be available to the Judicial Officers who had acquired the post-graduation degree or Doctorate in Law either before recruitment or any time subsequent thereto while in service.
- iii) The Advance increments shall be granted from the date of initial recruitment, i.e., from the date of entry into the Service to those who acquired the higher qualification before joining the Tripura Judicial Service, or from the date of acquiring the post-graduation or Doctorate degree in Law to those who acquired the same while in service.
- iv) The Advance increments for all practical purposes shall be part of the salary and Dearness Allowance shall be paid on the same component at the applicable rates.
- v) The amount of advance increments along with dearness allowance on the same shall, however, be a separate component as "Personal Pay" for the Officer

concerned. In other words, this amount shall not be added to or treated to be part of "Basic Pay" for any purpose. This shall be paid under **Salary Head**.

- vi) The benefit of advance increment shall continue to be paid in ACP Stages also as well as in all promotion stages including District Judge (Selection Grade) & District Judge (Super Time Scale).
- vii) If any Officer having acquired such higher qualification has already retired, expired, or superannuated prior to 01.01.2016, he/ she shall not be allowed to claim such benefit since this benefit was not available earlier for the Judicial Officers in the State prior to 01.01.2016.

9) HILL AREA / TOUGH LOCATION ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016):

- i) Hill Area/Tough Location Allowance @₹5000/- (five thousand) per month shall be paid to the Judicial Officers posted in hill areas/tough locations of the State.
- ii) The Hon'ble High Court of Tripura is to specify the areas classifiable as "**Hill areas/Tough locations**", in relation to the Judicial Officers of the State.
- iii) This allowance shall be paid w.e.f. 01.01.2016.
- iv) This allowance shall be paid under **Salary Head**.

10) HOME ORDERLY/DOMESTIC HELP ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2020):

- i) The Home-cum-office orderly allowance shall be available to the serving Judicial Officers, if not provided with the service of Orderly (Group-D), at the following rates:

Designation	Rate
District Judges (Gr.I)	Minimum wages for one unskilled worker in the State subject to minimum of ₹ 10,000/- per month.
Civil Judges (Gr.II/III)	60% of the minimum wages for one unskilled worker in the State subject to minimum of ₹ 7,500/- per month.

The Memo vide No.F.12(62)-LAB/ENF/IR/2012/8206-15, dated 07-12-2023 of the Labour Department, Govt. of Tripura fixed the minimum wages for an unskilled worker at Rs. 12,974/- per month with effect from 01.10.2023. [Annexed as **Appendix-I**].

- ii) The allowance at the aforesaid rates shall be available to the Judicial Officers w.e.f. 01.01.2020.
- iii) The Judicial Officers provided with Group-D employee as an Orderly/Peon/Office attender for residential duties may exercise their option either to continue with the present system and forego the allowance or to claim the allowance instead of availing the services of the Orderly/Peon.

- iv) The payment of Home Orderly allowance shall not result in discontinuance of practice, if any, of deputing the Office Peons/ Attenders or other Group-D employees during nights at the residences of- (a) Magistrates who are called upon to attend the judicial works at times during night times; (b) The Office Peon/ Attender of such other Group-D employee deputed for night duty at the residence of judicial officer living in the areas generally considered to be disturbed or security risk areas or outsourced security guard to be deployed in such areas and (c) such personnel can also be deputed to the residence of the District & Sessions Judge or equivalent ranking Officer having administrative responsibilities.
- v) The deployment of peons/ Attenders for such residential duties shall be subject to the availability of Group-D/Class-IV personnel and without detriment to Court related duties.
- vi) The allowance shall be drawn on the self-certification of the Judicial Officer to the effect that has not availed the services of Home Orderly.
- vii) This allowance shall be paid under Head of Account – **Salary/ wages.**

11) HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016) & RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS:

A). RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS:

- (i) The State Govt. shall urgently take up the construction of the residential quarters for the Judicial Officers where there is no such quarters.
- (ii) The Judicial Officers shall be provided with rent free government accommodation or requisitioned private accommodation within one month of taking charge of the post.
- (iii) If the Judicial Officer is not provided with the government accommodation or requisitioned private accommodation within one month, then the Judicial Officer may secure private accommodation and should be paid rent in the following terms:
 - (a) If the rent of the private accommodation is within the admissible house rent allowance prescribed here in below, no fixation of rent is required. But the concerned judicial officer has to certify the actual rent being paid.
 - (b) If the rent of the private accommodation is more than permissible house rent allowance, the rent shall be assessed by the District & Sessions Judge of the concerned District with the assistance of PWD(R&B) officials.
 - (c) If the difference between the permissible house rent allowance and the rent assessed is more than 15%, then the District & Sessions Judge may seek approval of the High Court of Tripura for payment of the said amount, unless the officer is ready to pay the differential cost.

- (iv) The minimum plinth area for the residential accommodation shall be 2500 sq.ft. for District Judges (GR-I Officers) and 2000 sq.ft. for Civil Judges (Gr-II & III Officers). However, the High Court Administration shall have the discretion to sanction the design with higher plinth area.

B) HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE (HRA) (w.e.f. 01.01.2016):

- (i) The Judicial Officers who are allotted official quarters or provided with private requisitioned accommodation arranged by the concerned Head of Department for residence, shall not be entitled to HRA.
- (ii) The Officers residing in their own houses, including the house of parents or spouse shall be entitled to get HRA **with Salary** with effect from 01.01.2016 at the rates as stated below as per classification of cities/towns, and the Judicial Officer already residing in hired accommodation will be entitled to the HRA with effect from 01.01.2020 at the prescribed rate as below, subject to the actual rent paid is within the prescribed ceiling as below.

Provided that when a government accommodation being in a habitable condition in all respect with appropriate supply/connection of water and other amenities for individual family is available and such a government accommodation (Bungalow/quarters) is earmarked for holder of a particular post in a station, such Judicial Officer holding the post (and also his/her spouse being government servant /Judicial Officer, if posted in the same station) will not be entitled to HRA when living elsewhere.

- (iii) The Office of the District & Sessions Judge or the equivalent Officer discharging administrative function in the District shall pay the rent directly to the land lord, in which case, the Judicial Officer shall not be eligible to draw HRA.

- (iv) (a) The rates of HRA as notified by the Central Govt. (Dept. of Expenditure) vide O.M. No. 2/5/2017-E II (B) dated 07.07.2017 shall be applicable to all Officers of Tripura Judicial Service.

They are as follows: Rates of HRA per month as percentage of Basic Pay shall be 24%, 16% & 8% in X,Y,Z Cities/Towns respectively.

- (b) The rates of HRA shall be 27%, 18%, 9% respectively of the Basic Pay when the DA crosses 25% and 30%, 20% and 10% respectively when the DA crosses 50% in terms of the said O.M. dated 07.07.2017 issued by Government of India (Department of Expenditure) [Annexed as **Appendix-II**].
- (c) If both the spouses are Judicial Officers or government servants, the rent free government accommodation (Quarters/Bungalow, as the case may be) shall be provided only in favour of any one of them when both of them are posted in the same station and in that case, the other spouse shall not be entitled to the HRA.

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Provided that in case of such spouses (both being Govt. servants/ Judicial Officers) posted in the same station and are residing in their own house subject to the condition that no earmarked government accommodation (Bungalow/Quarter) exists for any of them, only one of them shall be entitled to the HRA.

C) Classification of cities / towns as X, Y, Z :

The High Court of Tripura may upgrade and add the cities/towns covered in 'Y' class to 'X' class and from 'Z' class (unclassified category) to 'Y' class having regard to local conditions, i.e., population, by issuing notification in this regard. Cities/ Towns which are not covered by classification as 'X' or 'Y', are classified as 'Z' for the purpose of HRA.

As per Annexure attached to the O.M. dated 07-07-2017 of the Department of Expenditure, Govt. of India regarding classification of cities and towns for grant of HRA, no city of State of Tripura has been classified as 'X' or 'Y' at present.

D) Furniture and Air Conditioner Allowance (w.e.f. 01.01.2016):

- i). The Judicial Officers shall be provided furniture grant of ₹ 1.25 lakhs every 05 (five) years subject to production of proof of purchase by the Judicial Officers.
- ii). The aforesaid rate/grant shall also be available to all Judicial Officers for purchase of household electrical appliances.
- iii). The Judicial Officers having not less than two years of service shall also be eligible for the above allowance.
- iv). The option to purchase the furniture being used by the officer at the depreciated rate, the value of which shall be ascertained by the concerned Head of Department in consultation with the PWD (R&B) officials, shall be available at the time of fresh grant or retirement (**otherwise, the same shall be handed over to the Office of the concerned Head of Department**).
- (v) Apart from the furniture grant, every Judicial Officer shall be provided 01 (one) air-conditioner upto 2.5 Tons capacity, at the residence once in every 05 (five) years.
- (vi) This shall be paid from the **Head- Procurement of Capital Assets**.

E) Residential Quarters-Maintenance Fund:

An amount of ₹ Ten Lakhs shall be made available to each District & Sessions Judge on the basis of a proposal sent by the Registry of the High Court for proper maintenance of the residential quarters and that the State Government must sanction the amount proposed within two months from the date of receipt of their proposal.

F) Guest House/Transit Accommodation Facility :

A Guest house-cum-transit accommodation shall be constructed in a phased manner (to be decided by the High Court) by the State Govt. at least in cities and major towns of the State. The official(s) concerned shall act in coordination with the Registry of the High Court of Tripura to identify the places. The details such as number and size of rooms and the amenities shall be finalised after mutual discussion. After the construction, the High Court will issue necessary instruction regarding maintenance, minimal catering arrangement, rent to be charged etc,

(12) LEAVE TRAVEL CONCESSION (LTC)/HOME TRAVEL CONCESSION (HTC):

i) (a) One LTC and one HTC in a block of 3 years shall be available to the Judicial Officers.

(b) HTC shall be allowed 2 times in the first block of 3 years for fresh recruits. However, the block of 3 years will commence on completion of the period prescribed for probation (not necessarily declared).

(c) The Judicial Officers irrespective of their rank shall be allowed to travel by air while availing LTC and the reimbursement shall be made subject to the condition that the tickets have been purchased either directly from the Airlines or from the agents authorized, namely, Ashoka Travels, Balmer and Lawrie or IRCTC by the Central/State Government subject to further addition or deletion of the authorized agent by the Central/State Government.

(d) The other details such as class of travel, LTC advance etc. shall be governed by the respective Rules/Orders of State Government.

(e) The Judicial Officers shall be allowed to carry forward LTC anywhere in India beyond retirement for a period of one year.

(f) **No LTC/HTC facility shall be extended to retired Judicial Officers of Tripura Judicial Service.**

(g) For availing LTC/HTC, it shall not be necessary to avail earned leave only. LTC/HTC can be availed by the Judicial Officers by availing casual leave as a prefix and suffix to the extent of two days.

(ii) This shall take **effect from 01.01.2016.**

(13) MEDICAL ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016) AND MEDICAL FACILITIES:

i) Fixed medical allowance shall be payable @₹ 3,000/- per month to the serving Judicial Officers with effect from 01.01.2016 **with salary as per existing practice.**

ii) The necessity of reference from Medical Officer/Standing Medical Board/Government Hospital shall stand dispensed with. Straightaway, the Judicial

Officers shall be entitled to have consultations/treatment in the Government notified/empanelled private hospitals/Pathological Labs and seek reimbursement by submitting the bills as per the usual existing procedure.

iii) (a) The District & Sessions Judges or Registry of the High Court [in respect of District & Sessions Judges] shall be empowered to address Credit letters to the concerned hospitals where the Judicial Officer has been or to be admitted as inpatient.

(b) The expenditure incurred towards inpatient treatment or serious illness requiring more or less continuous treatment shall be processed and sanctioned by the District & Sessions Judges or other authorised officer of that rank or as the case may be, by the Registry of the High Court of Tripura.

(c) In the case of emergency, the Judicial Officer can take treatment in any nearest private hospital, not necessarily a Govt. notified hospital, and seek re-imbursement as per the usual procedure. If necessary, credit letter shall be issued for this purpose.

iv) On submission of the estimate given by the recognized/empanelled hospital, 80% shall be sanctioned as advance, subject to preliminary scrutiny by the District & Sessions Judge or a District Judge (Grade-1 Officer) of equivalent rank authorized by the Registry of the High Court. The balance shall be reimbursed on certification by the designated Civil Surgeon or Official of the Directorate of Medical & Health Services as the case may be. If the Government approved rates are not available for any particular item, the certifying officer shall have due regard to the rates generally charged in the hospitals concerned. Though there needs to be scrutiny before sanctioning the payment in view of the tendency to exaggerate the estimates, the extent of disallowance shall be minimal and the reasons for disallowance shall be disclosed by the certifying authority. The bills sent by the District & Sessions Judge for scrutiny of the designated Civil Surgeon/Officer of Directorate shall be cleared within a maximum period of one month from the date of receipt.

v) The cost of treatment including room charges/tests undergone in any Government/Government notified/recognized hospitals/pathological labs in an emergency or otherwise shall be reimbursed to the serving Judicial Officers on tour (official or private purpose) to another State even though it is not recognized hospitals/lab in the State of Tripura.

vi) The Registry of the High Court shall examine whether the notified/empanelled hospitals sufficiently cater to the needs of the Judicial Officers and send proposal to the Government for notifying additional hospitals/pathological labs to the extent it is considered necessary.

vii) To avoid delays in processing and sanctioning the bills for want of funds, the Registry of High Court shall take prompt action in addressing the Government for releasing additional funds and the Finance Department, Government of Tripura shall

take immediate action by way of making available the additional funds to the High Court on this account.

viii). All medical facilities including cashless medical facilities as recommended by the SNJPC and as approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to which the serving Judicial Officers including their spouses and other dependents are entitled, can be availed in the Hospitals currently empanelled under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS).

(14) NEWSPAPER / MAGAZINE ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2020):

- i) Newspaper and Magazine allowance shall be ₹ 1000/- for District Judges (Gr.I Officers) [Two Newspapers & Two Magazines] and ₹ 700/- for Civil Judges (Grade-II & III officers) [Two Newspapers & One Magazine] payable **with salary as per the existing practice.**
- ii) The allowance at the above-mentioned rates shall be payable from 01.01.2020.

(15) RISK ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2020) :

- i) Risk allowance shall be paid to the Judicial Officers of the State (being one of the North Eastern States) at the rate of 10% of Basic Pay.
- ii) This allowance will be available w.e.f. 01.01.2020.
- iii) This allowance shall be paid against **Salary Head.**

(16) ROBE ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016) :

The robe allowance shall be payable to Judicial Officers @₹ 12,000/- once in 3 years w.e.f. 01.01.2016. This shall be drawn under same Head of Account as per existing practice.

(17) SPECIAL PAY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE WORK (w.e.f. 01.01.2019) :

- i) Special pay for those Judicial Officers doing administrative work shall be payable to at the following rate:
 - a) District and Sessions Judges: ₹ 7000/- per month.
 - b) Other District Judges (Grade I officers) including Ist Additional District Judges, who are entrusted with administrative work who have to generally spend time beyond Court working hours: ₹ 3500/- per month.
 - c) District Judges (Gr-I Officers) presiding over Family Courts, Special Courts and Tribunals having independent administrative responsibilities: ₹ 3500/- per month.
 - d) CJMs and Principal Senior Civil Judges (Gr-II Officer), Junior Civil Judges (Grade-III officer) and other Judicial Officers (SDJMs) having administrative responsibilities being in charge of independent Courts **with filing powers:**

₹ 2000/- per month.

ii) The Special Pay shall be payable w.e.f. 01.01.2019, under Salary Head.

(18) SUMPTUARY ALLOWANCE (w.e.f. 01.01.2016) :

i) The sumptuary allowance **with the salary** shall be paid to the Judicial Officers at the following rates:

(a) District Judges (Gr-I Officer)- ₹ 7,800/- per month

(b) Civil Judges (Sr. Div.) (Gr-II Officer)- ₹ 5,800/- per month

(c) Civil Judges (Jr. Div) (Gr-III Officer)- ₹3,800/- per month.

ii) The allowance shall be **available w.e.f. 01.01.2016.**

iii) The following categories of Judicial Officers shall get ₹ 1,000/- (One thousand) more by virtue of their status or the additional responsibilities they shoulder.

- District & Sessions Judge in-charge of administration in the District.
- District Judges in selection grade and super time-scale irrespective of place of posting.
- Director of Tripura Judicial Academy/Member Secretary, Tripura State Legal Services Authority.
- Chief Judicial Magistrate.

(19) TELEPHONE FACILITY(with immediate effect):

The Judicial Officers shall be provided with the following telephone facilities:

A). Residential Telephone (Landline):

(i) The landline telephone and broadband facility (by the same or different service providers) shall be provided at the residence of the Judicial Officers within the permissible user limits per month inclusive of rent, calls (Local and STD both) and internet use:

District Judges (Gr-I officers)-₹. 1500/- per month.

Civil Judges (Gr-II & III Officers)- ₹ 1000/- per month.

(ii) At places where broadband facility is not available, the permissible user limits inclusive of rent and calls (local and STD both) per month shall be:

District Judges (Gr-I officers)- ₹1000/- per month.

Civil Judges (Gr-II & III officers)- ₹ 750/- per month.

B). Mobile phone:

i) The provision of mobile phone (handset) with internet shall be as follows with prospective effect:

- a) District Judge (Gr-I Officers) - ₹30,000/- initially for purchase of handset;
- b) Civil judges (Gr-II & III Officers) - ₹20,000/- initially for purchase of handset;

This grant shall be paid on reimbursement basis against Head of Account- OE (Office Expense).

And the permissible user limits per month inclusive of internet data package shall be as follows:

- a) District Judges (Gr-I Officers) - ₹2000/- per month.
- b) Civil Judges (Gr-II & III Officers) - ₹ 1500/- per month.

(ii) At the request of the Judicial Officers, the mobile phone handset shall be replaced once in three years.

(iii) The Judicial Officers shall be given option to retain the old mobile phone handset at a price to be determined as per the guidelines prescribed by the Registry of High Court of Tripura (otherwise the same shall be returned to the Office of the concerned Head of Department).

C). Office Telephone : Regarding telephone connection to the office, the present arrangement shall continue.

(20) TRANSFER GRANT (w.e.f. 01.01.2016) :

i). On transfer, the composite transfer grant admissible to all Judicial Officers shall be equivalent to one month's basic pay.

ii). If the transfer is to a place at a distance of 20 kilometres or less or within the same city (if it involves actual change of residence), the transfer grant shall be 1/3rd of the basic pay.

iii). For the transportation of personal effects, the OM No. 19030/1/2017-EIV dated 13.07.2017 (annexed as **Appendix-III**), issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India pursuant to the recommendations of VII CPC shall be applicable.

iv). In case of transportation by road, the admissible amount shall be Rs. 50/- per km inclusive of labour charges for loading and unloading or the actual whichever is lower. The said amount shall be raised by 25% when the DA increases by 50%.

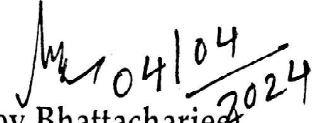
v). This will have effect from **01.01.2016**.

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vi). The Officers who have undergone transfer(s) after 01.01.2016 and their claims for transfer grant paid as per pre-revised pay scales shall be paid the differential amount on the basis of revised pay w.e.f. 01.01.2016, under TE Head.

This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department, Govt. of Tripura vide U.O. No. 680-FIN(ESTT.-II)/2024 dated 23.02.2024 and U.O. No. 01-FIN(ESTT.-II)/2024 dated 01.04.2024 and also with the approval of the State Government conveyed vide U.O. No. 296-CS/2024, dated 03.04.2024.

By Order & in the name of the Governor,


(Sanjoy Bhattacharjee)
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Government of Tripura